THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA); (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Coal India Limited (CIL), the details of sand stowing for conservation of coal and development of roads undertaken by Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) in colliery areas of West Bengal in the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given below:—

Name of work	1993-94		1994-95	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
Sand Stowing for Conservation	55,39,072 M^3	29,66,500 M^3	52.02.674M^3	31,11,917 M^3
Development of roads	20Kms.	2179Kms.	30Ksm.	36.04 Kms.

Loss incurred due to Import/Export of food materials

1846. SHRI PAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) the amount of loss incurred as a result of import/export of sugar, wheat and rice during 1994-95 and upto 31st July, during 1995-96;

(b) the name of the countries, the quantity of sugar/wheat/rice and the retes at which these were imported;

(c) the foreign exchange spent on it during the said period; and

(d) the action taken against the persons responsible for the loss incurred in each case?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

People living below the poverty line

1847. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of persons living below poverty line and whether it has risen from 34.1 per cent to 44 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the availability of foodgrains per day per capita has come down from 477.4 gm in 1990 to 474.2 gm in 1994;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the number of people suffering from hunger as on 1st July, 1995 and how does the same compare with that during the last three years on the same date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) Planning Commission estimates the incidence of poverty using the quinquennial survey data (large surveys) on household consumer expenditure released by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The last two such surveys relate to the year 1983 (NSS 38th round) and 1987-88 (NSS 43rd round). Planning Commission has estimated the incidence of poverty as 37.4 per cent in 1983-84 and 29.9 per cent in 1987-88. However, the expert group on estimation of proportion and number of poor constituted by the Planning Commission estimated the incidence of poverty in 1983 as 44.8 per cent and in 1987-88 as 39.3 per cent. The number of poor according to the Planning Commission has come down from 271 million in 1983-84 to 237.7 million in 1987-88- According to the Expert Group, the number of poor has come down from 327 million in 1983 to 312.7 million in 1987-88.